

Washington State Agency Climate Adaptation Forum

December 6th, 2016

8:00 - 4:30

Lacey Community Center

6729 Pacific Ave SE --- [Directions available here.](#)

A G E N D A

8:00-8:30 **Registration and Coffee**

8:30–9:30 **Session 1: Welcome and Introductory Plenary**

- Dan Siemann, Executive Policy Advisor for Climate Adaptation, Department of Natural Resources
- Chris Davis, Senior Advisor, Energy and Carbon Markets, Office of Governor Inslee
- Amy Snover, Director, Climate Impacts Group, University of Washington

9:30-10:30 **Session 2: Dry Run: What the 2015 drought taught us about preparing for climate change**

Responses and lessons learned from the 2015 Water Year, and how agencies are preparing for future droughts and anticipated impacts

- Jeff Marti, Department of Ecology
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Ginny Stern, Department of Health
- Gary Bahr, Washington Department of Agriculture

Moderator: Lynn Helbrecht, Department of Fish and Wildlife

10:30-10:45 ***BREAK***

10:45-12:15 **Session 3: Showcase of Agency Adaptation Successes**

This session highlights examples of applied adaptation by state agencies.

- Timothy Quinn, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Designing climate-adapted culverts for fish passage
- Bobbak Talebi, Department of Ecology, Preparing coastal communities for sea level rise
- Pat McNaughton, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Addressing climate change risk in regulating insurance companies
- Carol Lee Roalkvam, Department of Transportation, Assessing climate change risks to the state's road infrastructure
- Kirsten Feifel, Department of Natural Resources, Addressing ocean acidification
- Lauren Jenks, Department of Health, Adapting public health systems to address climate-related changes in risk.

Moderator: Paul Pickett, Department of Ecology

12:15-12:45 **Working Lunch**

During this time, attendees will pick up their lunch join a topic table.

12:45 – 1:30 **Session 4A: Addressing Key Climate Challenges**

Attendees will join roundtable discussions on topics listed below. Each table will have a facilitator and a note taker.

Roundtable Topics and Tables

Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Tables 1 and 2	Wildlife and Ecosystem Impacts Table 11	Collaborating with Non-State Partners Tables 18 and 19
Marine Ecosystem Impacts - ocean acidification, harmful algal blooms Tables 3 and 4	Impacts to ESA listed fish populations Table 12	Communicating about Climate Change Adaptation Table 20
Reduced Water Supply Tables 5 and 6	Impacts to Agriculture Table 13	Linking Adaptation and Mitigation Efforts Table 21
Extreme Weather - Flooding and urban stormwater Tables 7 and 8	Human Health and Vulnerable Populations Tables 14 and 15	Choose your own subject area for discussion Tables 22 and 23
Wildfire and Forest Health Tables 9 and 10	Risks to Infrastructure and built environment Tables 16 and 17	

Participants will be asked to address:

1. What are the key challenges or concerns?
2. What are new opportunities to advance adaptation, or what is already working well?

1:30-2:00 **Session 4B: Tables report to the group**
Each table shares their best idea for moving forward: "what could we be doing better?"

2:00-2:15 **BREAK**

2:15 – 3:15 **Session 5: Leadership Panel**
State Agency leaders are asked to address how climate is affecting our ability to fulfill the missions of our agencies, and offer ideas for improving our response to climate threats.

- Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
- Derek Sandison, Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture
- Aaron Everett, State Forester, Department of Natural Resources
- Julie Heilman, State Hydraulics Engineer, Department of Transportation

Moderator: Lara Whitely-Binder, Climate Impacts Group, UW

3:15 – 4:15 **Session 6: Setting the Stage for the Future**
A panel of climate change thought-leaders will synthesize the challenges and opportunities presented during the day and help set the stage for the work ahead

- Lara Hansen, Chief Scientist and Executive Director, EcoAdapt
- John Mankowski, Coordinator, North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative
- Amy Snover, Director, Climate Impacts Group, University of Washington
- Chris Davis, Senior Advisor – Energy and Carbon Markets, Office of Governor Jay Inslee

Moderator: Dan Siemann, Executive Policy Advisor for Climate Adaptation, Department of Natural Resources

4:15-4:30 **Closing**

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